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## Military Operations Step-Up Seen in RVN Since Mid-May

Military operations in Vietnam have increased in intensity and effectiveness since mid-May, according to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, and are approaching the level of the first quarter of this year.

The secretary noted that from Jan. 1 through April 15 enemy losses in men and material were "very great." During this period South Vietnamese, U.S. and third country forces carried on a series of strong offensive operations against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces.

However, a decline was noted between mid-April and mid-May.

Ground and air operations have now gained in intensity.

As an example, Secretary McNamara pointed out that air operations against the lines of communications supplying South Vietnam from the North are running between 9,000 and 11,000 a month in terms of attack sorties. This is between 200 and 300 percent of the level of air operations directed against such lines of communications prior to initiation of the bombing pause in mid-December.

## Army Approves Many Haines Board Proposals

Army has announced approval of certain recommendations of any Army Study Group (the Haines Board), established to examine the Army system for education and training of officers.

Among the many recommendations approved were: setting a college degree as an objective for all regular Army officers but not a prerequisite for commissioning; establishment of a career program for civilian educational advisors at Army schools; adding some faculty research positions and considering some civilian professors for the Army War College staff; introduction of electives in the Advanced Officers, Command and General Staff College, and Army War College courses; and establishment of career specialist programs for officers in the Automatic Data Processing, Operations Research/Systems Analysis and Comptrollership fields.

*VISIT TO VIETNAM—Lt. General Jean E. Engler, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army, Vietnam (right), escorts Gen. Dwight E. Beach, Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea, into USARV Headquarters. During his visit, Gen. Beach gained a first-hand picture of the situation in Vietnam.*

## Army Chief of Staff Cites RVN Civic Action Program

The line between two battles being fought in South Vietnam is hard to define, because success in one helps win the other.

This was noted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson, who spoke of the "nation-building battle" and the "military battle."

He singled out actions of the 173d Airborne Brigade as an example. The 173d was the first Army unit sent to the Republic of Vietnam and has conducted more than 80 combat operations.

Gen. Johnson said the unit's "Up With People" program has been as important as the combat effort. He said the combat unit assists Vietnamese at the village and hamlet level as circumstances permit.

The 173d has completed 164 construction projects, including schools, sanitation facilities, walls, dispensaries and roads. Unit medics treated more than 74,000 Vietnamese patients.

Airborne troopers also voluntarily donated material for refugee camp construction, gave almost 50 tons of food, and sponsored more than 120 high school scholarships.

# Washington Memos

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND has activated aircrew replacement training units to meet increased Southeast Asia requirements for tactical fighter and reconnaissance pilots. Rated personnel will be drawn from all major commands for transitional training in F-100s, F-4Cs, RF-4Cs, F-105s, RB-66s and RF-101s. Once checked out, officers will be sent to tactical units in SEA.

BULLPUP AIR-TO-SURFACE Missiles may soon arm Navy's newer P-3 Orion patrol planes. Final tests with the system are scheduled for near-future completion in Pacific Missile Range sea test area. Each P-3 would carry four Bullpups, giving capability of attacking maneuvering targets on ocean surface from standoff distances.

PILOT TRAINING COSTS about $250,000 for each jet pilot, $110,000 for propeller aircraft pilot, and $45,000 for helicopter pilot. This does not include depreciation of facilities and investment in aircraft. Pilot training is by far most time-consuming and costly of DOD's in-house training. Cost approaches $1 billion annually.

DOD MAKES SUBSTANTIAL contribution to nation's skilled manpower pool. Some 96 percent of enlisted and 84 percent of officers retire in time to pursue second career. One-half million first term enlisted also leave service each year. At one time statistics showed that as much as 16 percent of country's work force had obtained service vocational training.

MILITARY SERVICES SPONSOR approximately 33 correspondence school centers. The largest, is United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wisc. It has 258,000 enrollment with an annual average of 95,000 students earning high school diplomas during past five years.

EACH ENLISTED MAN must become proficient in one or more skills. It costs Department of Defense $1,200 for individual's basic training, plus another $2,000-$12,000 for skill training. More than $2 billion, half of DOD's annual training bill, goes for enlisted personnel.

WHEN CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) James A. Connett administered oath of office to his son, Chaplain (1st Lt.) Reynold B. Connett, a first was claimed by Army Chaplain Corps. Event marked first time in Corps' history that father and son have been on active duty at same time.

ARMY FIELD COMMANDERS are being provided with substantially improved communications by new teletypewriter systems mounted in thirty-foot truck vans. Assembled on high priority basis, twelve units are currently being delivered to users. New machines are capable of handling greater volume of messages than equipment in current use.

APPROXIMATELY 800 COLLEGE and junior college students are scheduled to attend Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps six-week field training camps this summer. The field training will take place at Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio; and Fairchild AFB, Wash.

MORE THAN 38 million gallons of fuel — enough to drive 2,500 autos once around world—are delivered by Army's 1st Logistical Command monthly to American and Free World military forces in II, III, and IV Corps zones of RVN. To do this, command employs 265 5,000-gallon tank trucks and Air Force C-130 aircraft which work around the clock.

SOME 560 CADETS from U.S. Military Academy will train with stateside combat units as well as units in Panama and Alaska beginning June 30. Program is designed to provide practical experience in platoon and company duties. Prospective officers will assume duties of junior officers in infantry, artillery, armor, engineers, and signal units.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST AIR FORCE Reserve Region will move from Stewart AFB, N.Y., to Andrews AFB, Md., June 24. Second AFRR headquarters at Andrews will be deactivated. Reorganization coincides with merge last January of 1st and 2d Armies, at Ft. Meade, Md.

AIR DEFENSE COMMAND is first major Air Force command to complete installation of base-level supply computer standardization program. New UNIVAC 1050-IIs are eventually scheduled for 128 bases, replacing older, first-generation computer models.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT PREPARED by Medical Field Service School, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, featuring environment and disease in RVN to be shown during AMA convention Chicago end of June. Exhibit shows medical problems encountered and met by Army Medical Services in Vietnam.

NAVY BAND HAS completed one of its most successful tours in many years. On 12,000 mile coast-to-coast tour of U.S., band performed 111 concerts in 58 days, visiting 56 cities and towns in 19 states entertaining more than 145,000 people.

INSTALLATIONS CONDUCTING ARMY Community Service (ACS) activities are now eligible for DA annual award. ACS activities are judged on management, use of professional personnel, community resources, volunteer workers, and advisory council. Armies may submit two nominations by July 10 each year.

FIRST GRADUATING CLASS of recently reactivated U.S. Army Engineer School's Engineer Officer Candidate Regiment, Ft. Belvoir, Va., received second lieutenant commissions June 10. Class numbered 23.

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# House Bill Would Extend Evacuation Allowances

A bill has been introduced that would provide special allowances to certain emergency evacuees beyond the current expiration date of June 30.

H. R. 11979 would make provisions of Public Law 89-26 permanent and eliminate certain geographic restrictions. PL 89-26 grants special allowances to service dependents ordered evacuated out of troubled areas.

A review of evacuation conclusively points up continuing need for this authority, said Brig. Gen. William W. Berg, Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary (Military Personnel Policy).

Dependents have been evacuated from such places as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. The special allowances help defray added expenses such as travel, temporary accommodations, and clothing needs enroute to homes of record or a safe area.

# Army Warrant Officer Promotions Increased, Time-in-Grade Lowered

Army's Warrant Officer Career Program for FY67 gets a boost as time-in-grade for W-3 and W-4 promotion is lowered.

Selection board is scheduled to convene in early July. Some 1,325 W-2s and 675 W-3s are expected to be promoted from board results according to "best qualified" criteria.

Zones of consideration are active duty W-3s with date-of-rank of June 30, 1963, or earlier, and active duty W-2s with date-of-rank of Feb. 29, 1964, or earlier.

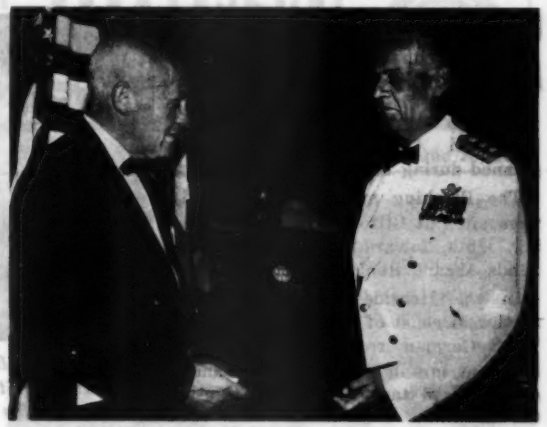
Promotion prospects represent significant increase above FY66's 636 promotions to W-3 and 235 to W-4. Officials say this should bring WO promotions more closely in line with commissioned officer promotion policy.

# Navy Research Has Promise In Combating Virus Infection

Navy is co-sponsoring medical research that shows promise against any virus in existence.

The program was started in 1961 by Dr. Samuel Graff, Columbia University, under Office of Naval Research contract. It is now jointly supported by ONR and National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Graff devised method of mass-producing pure cultures of healthy, living cells to obtain an anti-viral substance. Other scientist's efforts resulted in abnormally developed cells yielding only small quantities of the substance.



*SPACE ADVENTURE—Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman receives gold medallion from former Air Force Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert. Medallion commemorates man's first adventure into space.*

# DOD Manpower Chief Cites Training Method Progress

Nearly forty percent of Defense Department's more than four million civilian and military personnel receive some period of formal training each year, as disclosed by Assistant Defense Secretary (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris.

This, he said, suggests that even small training improvements can produce very significant dividends to military readiness.

Secretary Morris praised each service for its continued cost-reduction progress, and cited such innovations as educational television with reducing training time.

Among accomplishments he noted was an 11-week course being changed to self-paced instruction. Average completion time is now seven weeks, with some students finishing in four.

Secretary Morris said on-the-job evaluation of these graduates reveals their performance is equal to that of the longer course graduates. Savings of more than $1 million annually are resulting.

# Computerized Work Schedule Slated for AF B-52s, C-135s

Late this year the Air Force plans to have a computer in full operation to spell out work schedules for maintenance and modification programs on B-52 bombers and C-135 transports and tankers.

The system, called DART (Daily Automatic Rescheduling Technique), will be used at the Air Force Logistics Command's Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area, Tinker AFB, Okla.

## U.S., Allied Armies Plan Missile Firing Series

A major series of missile firings by U.S. and Allied Army troops is planned during the summer months.

The Pershing missile will be fired from sites at Gilson Butt and Blanding, Utah, toward targets at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

In the Hebrides Islands off the northwest coast of Scotland, U.S. and West German troops will fire the Sergeant missile from British launch sites toward targets in the Atlantic Ocean.

## Lightweight Uniform OK'd For Air Force-wide Wear

A new lightweight, blue, wool polyester long sleeve shirt and trouser uniform has been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John D. McConnell for Air Force-wide wear.

The optional combination may be worn off-base with a tie, officials said.

The shirt will be manufactured in Shade 1084 to match wool polyester trousers already available in base exchanges and commercial outlets. Later the items will be produced in Shade 1549, the darker blue color approved for all Air Force uniform items in the future.

### Service Chess Championship Tournament Date Announced

The Seventh Annual Armed Forces Chess Championship Tournament will be held Nov. 11-18 in the Hall of Flags, American Legion Bldg., Wash., D.C.

Serving on the 1966 Honorary Committee are: Maj. Gen. J. C. Lambert, The Adjutant General of the Army; RAdm. H. J. Rotrige, Director, Chaplain's Div., Bureau of Naval Personnel; Maj. Gen. G. B. Greene Jr., Asst. Deputy CofS, Military Personnel, USAF; Maj. Gen. P. R. Tyler, USMC Quartermaster General, and RAdm. J. R. Scullion, Chief, Office of Personnel, U.S. Coast Guard.

*WELCOME ABOARD—Navy Secretary Paul H. Nitze welcomes Cdr. Rita Lenihan to his office where he announced her appointment as WAVE director. Cdr. Lenihan assumes duties this fall on retirement of Capt. Viola B. Sanders. She will serve with rank of captain.*

## AF Apprentice Program Halves Training Costs

The cost of apprentice training has been cut to less than half that of the regular four-year program under a new concept inaugurated by Air Force Logistics Command, Kelly AFB, Texas, in July 1965.

First of its kind in the Air Force, the program also has reduced the time required to develop a journeyman in 14 approved skills. Each skill requires 18 months of intensive on-the-job and classroom training.

### Navy Missile Center Conducts Water-Launched Rocket Probe

A crew from Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, Calif., launched a Hydra-Iris rocket probe June 1, carrying a scientific payload to an altitude of 100 nautical miles.

The operation was part of continued investigation of ballistic dynamics and other characteristics of water-launched vehicles. Secondary purpose was collection of data concerning x-ray emissions from the Clouds of Magellan nebulae and from the star Alpha Centauri.

In the Hydra technique, the rocket is fired directly from the water while floating vertically.

## Cigarette Prices Raised At Army-AF Exchanges

Cigarette prices at Army-Air Force Exchanges have been increased one cent a pack in CONUS exchanges and a one-to-three cent increase will go into effect July 27 in overseas exchanges.

Wholesale price increases caused the new exchange rates.

Navy officials said no increase from the present cost is planned in its stores. The Navy rate per carton now is the same as the planned new cost in Army-Air Force exchanges in CONUS.

## Maroon Beret Approved For AF Pararescuemen

A maroon beret is among new uniform items approved for wear by qualified Air Force pararescue technicians.

The final approval by Gen. John P. McConnell, USAF Chief of Staff, also calls for bloused trousers with combat boots, and a small silver replica of the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service emblem.

The recommended change in attire for pararescue technicians was made by Military Airlift Command.

## *Personnel Actions*

Lt. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, USA, Director of Special Studies, Office of the Army CofS, and Senior Army Member, Military Staff Committee, United Nations, has been confirmed by the Senate for appointment to the grade of general and assignment as CG, 8th U.S. Army; CinC, United Nations Command, and Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea. Lt. Gen. Maurice A. Preston, USAF, Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan and Commander, 5th Air Force, reassigned as Deputy CinC, U.S. Strike Command and Deputy U.S. Cinc, Middle East, Southern Asia and Africa.

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